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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  KAZUHIKO HATANO		)	Examiner: R. Tiller	pri y
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Application No.: 09/031,767		)		012
Filed: February 27, 1998		)		
For:	IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR BROADENING APPARENT DYNAMIC RANGE OF VIDEO SIGNAL (AS AMENDED)	) : ) :	January 6, 2004	RECEIVED JAN 0 8 2004
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.